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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 4, Part 9, relative to the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902(8), is amended by deleting the word "or" at the end of subdivision (A), by adding the word "or" at the end of subdivision (B) and by adding the following language as new subdivision (C):

(C) For the purposes of the Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, an institution authorized to operate by the Tennessee higher education commission under title 49, chapter 7, part 20, that is accredited by any accrediting agency authorized by the United States department of education.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-902, is amended by deleting the subdivision (33) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(33) "Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant" means a grant for study in pursuit of a certificate or diploma at a Tennessee technology center operated by the board of regents of the state university and community college system or at an eligible independent postsecondary institution as defined in § 49-4-902(8)(C) that is funded from net proceeds of the state lottery and awarded under this part.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-921(a), is amended by deleting the following language:

To be eligible for a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, a student seeking a diploma or certificate at a Tennessee technology center operated by the board of regents of the state university and community college system shall:

in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

To be eligible for a Wilder-Naifeh technical skills grant, a student seeking a diploma or certificate at either a Tennessee technology center operated by the board of regents of the state university and community college system or an eligible independent postsecondary institution as defined in § 49-4-902(8)(C) shall:

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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